

The background of the slide is a painting of a swampy wetland. It features several cypress trees with their characteristic knees protruding from the water. In the center, a crocodile is partially submerged in the water. The foreground shows dark silhouettes of various plants and grasses. The overall color palette is muted, with greens, browns, and greys.

What Is a Florida Cracker anyway?

Florida Crackers were pioneers who came to Florida in the early 1800's. They raised cattle, pigs and other livestock on the open range or public domain, were excellent fishermen and knew how to "live off the land."

Some say the name "Cracker" came from the loud, cracking sounds of the rawhide whips used by the pioneer cattlemen to drive their herds. Others believe the term "Cracker" came from the process, used in the south in the olden days, of grinding or "cracking" dried corn to make cracker meal, a dietary staple at the time.

The term "Florida Cracker" remains with us today, and is generally applied to the unpretentious people who are born and raised in Florida and can still be found on farms and in rural communities throughout our peninsular wetlands.